

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND
TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH AREA

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

Public Health Office,
214, High Street,
Tonbridge.
5th May, 1958.

**To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge
Joint Health Committee.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1957.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES of the District, HOUSING and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate Reports by the Public Health Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

The Population as estimated by the Registrar-General for the Joint Health Area for mid-1957 is 104,980, an increase of 1,170 over the mid-1956 figure. The population figures for each District are given on page 10, together with the estimated population for the previous year; it will be noted an increase of population occurred in each District of the Area.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE (i.e., number of births per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 14.4 compared with 13.8 for the Area in 1956. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 16.1.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE (i.e., number of deaths per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 11.0 whereas that for England and Wales was 11.5; in 1956 the Death Rate in the Joint Health Area was 11.5.

In the Table of Statistics on page 11, in addition to the Crude Birth and Death Rates for the individual Districts, the Adjusted Birth and Death Rates are also shown. These Adjusted Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the Comparability Factors for the individual Districts supplied by the Registrar-General; the Factor makes allowances for the different sex and age distribution of the population in a particular District, and so allows the Rates better to be compared with one another and with the Death Rate for England and Wales as a whole.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE (i.e., number of deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births) for the Joint Health Area was 20.5 compared with 23.0 for England and Wales.

One MATERNAL DEATH occurred in the Joint Area during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease is shown for each District on pages 15 to 17. The incidence of infectious disease was low generally throughout the Area during the year. No cases of Diphtheria were notified, and the incidence of Scarlet Fever was outstandingly low. There was a moderate incidence of Whooping Cough and Measles, but no deaths occurred from these diseases.

Acute Poliomyelitis.

During the year, 19 cases of Poliomyelitis were notified in the Area, in 8 of these cases there was no paralysis. One death occurred.

The number of cases and deaths which occurred in the Area from 1947 when the disease first became prevalent, is as follows:—

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Total cases	36	13	35	21	15	11	7	2	12	28	19
Total deaths	2	1	3	1	1	1	—	—	2	2	1

Tuberculosis.

In 1957, 53 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 6 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. There were 4 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis. The figures for individual Districts are given on page 18.

In the Annual Report for 1956, comment was made on the decline in the incidence of new cases of tuberculosis in the Area, the figures for that year being only 27 pulmonary and 8 non-pulmonary. The number of cases notified in 1957 was higher than in the preceding two years, this increase being partly explained by the mass miniature radiography survey which was carried out in both the rural and urban districts of Sevenoaks.

Food Hygiene.

Reference was made in last year's Annual Report to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955. During 1957, work continued to bring food premises in the Area up to the standard required by the Regulations, reference is made to this in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of the various Districts.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20. (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948: Section 47. (Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.)

I am very pleased to report again this year that it was not found necessary to apply for any Removal Orders under this section. In the cases investigated, the old people concerned either agreed to go into Hospital or Old People's Homes voluntarily or it proved possible for them to remain in their own homes. The latter happy solution being due to the excellent services provided by the County Council and by the various Voluntary Organisations in the Area.

Legislation.

A list of the new Acts and Regulations affecting the Public Health Department which came into operation during the year, are given on page 14.

Clerk of the Joint Health Committee.

Mr. B. Lee, Clerk of the Committee, retired on the 31st October, 1957, and Mr. C. N. V. Kirby was appointed to succeed him. At a meeting of the Committee on the 16th October, 1957, the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Members to Mr. Lee for his services during the past 21 years, and I gladly record my own thanks to Mr. Lee for his wise counsel and help since I have been Medical Officer of Health to the Area.

Once again I take this opportunity of recording my thanks to the Members and Officials of the District Councils, the Medical Practitioners of the Area, the staff of the County Health Department, the voluntary workers in the Area and my own staff for their helpful co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,

Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1957-58

Chairman:

Mrs. E. S. VINER, Sevenoaks U.D. Council.

Members:

Mr. F. W. DOVE	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. A. WATERS	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. P. E. FENNER	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. W. V. GILBERT-JOHNS	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Miss F. B. BUGGS	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. C. E. CLARKE	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. E. S. JENNER	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. E. J. BURKE	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. W. H. J. MANN	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. J. G. PARKS, J.P.	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. R. J. KEW	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mrs. M. E. MIDDLETON	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Lt.-Col. H. R. H. ROUQUETTE	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council. (Resigned 31/10/57).

C. N. V. KIRBY, Tonbridge R.D. Council. (Appointed 1/11/57).

CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS 1957-58

Mr. D. R. BLUNDELL, M.C., J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. B. H. EDWARDS, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
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Mr. J. R. NICHOLSON, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. SCOTT, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

A. CAMERON, M.D., Ch.B.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. D. DOWNS.

Shorthand-Typist: Mrs. C. J. SMITH.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector (also Cleansing Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

R. H. Terry, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

C. T. S. Young, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

F. P. C. Cage, Temporary General Assistant Public Health
Inspector.

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

A. E. Williams, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Public Health Inspector. [Foods.]

Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Public Health Inspector. [Foods.

Tonbridge Urban District.

J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

F. H. Piggott, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Public Health Inspector. (Resigned 31/8/57). [Foods.

H. B. Cade, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector. (Appointed 4/11/57).

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres)	62,951	3,728	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Home Population (R.G's estimate mid-1957)	35,620	16,570	23,420	20,460	8,910	104,980
Estimated Home population, mid-1956	35,170	16,380	23,110	20,270	8,880	103,810
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1957) accord- ing to Rate Book . .	11,500	5,081	7,524	6,561	3,096	33,762
Rateable Value	£429,871	£294,688	£260,480	£290,946	£107,768	£1,383,753
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,710	£1,266	£1,040	£1,100	£435	—

TRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1957.

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	245	111	148	163	720
	Female	267	117	148	162	745
	Total .	512	228	296	325	1,465
	Illegitimate: Male .	10	1	8	5	24
	Female	9	3	6	5	25
	Total .	19	4	14	10	49
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS		531	232	310	335	1,514
GROSS BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1957		14.91	14.00	13.23	16.37	14.42
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General		1.08	1.06	0.99	1.03	—
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE		16.10	14.84	13.09	16.86	—
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	4	2	—	6	15
	Female	2	4	4	2	12
	Total .	6	6	4	8	27
	Illegitimate: Male .	—	—	—	—	—
	Female	1	—	—	—	1
	Total .	1	—	—	—	1
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS		7	6	4	8	28
STILL-BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births		13.01	25.21	12.74	23.32	18.16
DEATHS	Male	175	90	128	110	552
	Female	182	106	146	128	604
	Total	357	196	274	238	1,156
GROSS DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1957		10.02	11.83	11.70	11.63	11.01
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General		0.91	0.76	0.85	0.91	—
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE		9.11	8.99	9.94	10.58	—
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births		1	—	—	—	1
INFANTILE MORTALITY	Male	6	2	3	1	14
	Female	4	1	5	7	17
	Total	10	3	8	8	31
DEATH RATE under one year of age :						
All infants per 1,000 live births		18.83	13.00	25.81	23.88	20.50
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		19.53	13.16	20.27	24.61	20.00
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		0.00	0.00	143.00	0.00	40.81
Death Rate for Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages).
(Supplied by the Registrar-General)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Totals
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
Tuberculosis, other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Syphilitic Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infections ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	6	4	...	5	4	2	2	1	2	1	14
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	2	10	2	7	2	9	1	3	1	41
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	5	...	3	...	5	...	9	...	1	...
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	5	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	20	15	9	13	7	14	9	13	3	6	48
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	4
Diabetes ...	1	2	1	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	27	4	23	17	23	17	24	5	5	60
Coronary disease, angina ...	39	31	21	13	28	22	19	17	14	4	121
Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	5	1	1	5	6	4	1	2	3	15
Other heart diseases ...	16	20	10	9	12	21	9	14	5	10	52
Other circulatory diseases ...	8	14	9	6	6	7	8	11	4	1	35
Influenza ...	2	1	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	2	7
Pneumonia ...	12	5	3	7	11	13	6	7	...	1	32
Bronchitis ...	7	3	3	1	4	3	5	2	4	2	23
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	4	1	3	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	10
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	2
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	3	1	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	7
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	3	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	9
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	11	27	5	13	11	14	7	17	2	1	36
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	2	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	6
All Other Accidents ...	5	7	2	3	2	2	3	4	1	2	13
Suicide ...	1	4	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	3
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	175	182	90	106	128	146	110	128	49	42	552

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The Public Health Laboratory, under the directorship of Dr. J. H. C. Walker, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens, and full co-operation with the staff was maintained.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Conditions

No cases of scabies or verminous conditions in the area were treated at the Baltic Road Cleansing Centre, Tonbridge, during 1957.

Hospitals.

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the Hospitals in the Joint Health Area are given below:—

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.,
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 3444.

Pembury Hospital.

Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.

Capel Hospital, Nr. Tonbridge.

David Salomon's House, Tunbridge Wells.

Edenbridge and District Memorial Hospital.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—L. G. Bain, F.C.I.S., A.H.A.,
Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent.
Tel. Orpington 27050.

Sevenoaks Hospital.

Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks.

Sundridge Hospital.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.
(Section 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)

DISTRICT	Homes first registered during year 1957	Homes where registrations were withdrawn during 1957	Homes on Register at end of 1957	Number of beds provided :		
				Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	—	—	2	—	42	42
Sevenoaks U.D. .	—	—	2	7	17	24
Tonbridge R.D. .	—	—	2	—	19	19
Tonbridge U.D. .	—	—	1	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	—	1	1	—	9	9
TOTAL .	—	1	8	16	90	106

LEGISLATION.

The following Acts, Orders and Regulations affecting the Department came into operation during the year:—

	Date
The Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations, 1957 ...	31/12/57
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	1/6/57
Housing Act, 1957	1/10/57
Rent Act, 1957	6/6/57
The Rent Restriction Regulations, 1957	6/6/57
Housing (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 1957	1/12/57
Public Health Officers (Deputies) Act, 1957	17/4/57

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND FOOD POISONING.

The number of cases of Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning notified in the respective Districts of the Area are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever .	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic .	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	-
Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic .	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
Paratyphoid Fever .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia (Ac., prim. & Infl.)	-	-	4	2	3	9	10	5	7	9	25	31	105	9	3
Erysipelas .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	4	-	-
Dysentery .	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	1	-	-	8	-	-
Measles .	5	24	22	35	50	215	23	3	2	1	1	-	381	1	-
Whooping Cough .	9	13	29	26	27	87	19	1	2	2	3	-	218	-	-
Food Poisoning .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Measles	-	5	8	15	14	71	7	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	
Whooping Cough	5	1	-	10	6	27	2	1	-	2	-	-	54	-	
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS											Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths	
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65				65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
" Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	3	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1
Measles	-	4	2	5	7	46	-	-	-	-	1	-	64	1	-
Whooping Cough	10	14	16	20	22	82	7	-	2	1	-	-	174	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	-

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	5	5	1
" Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	2	3	10	2	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Measles	-	3	3	1	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
Whooping Cough.	5	9	6	9	8	30	1	-	1	-	1	-	70	-	-

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS											Total cases notified	Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over		
Scarlet Fever .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic .	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
" Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles .	1	1	2	1	1	17	6	2	1	1	-	-	33	-
Whooping Cough .	1	5	3	10	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1957 in the respective Districts:—

AGE-PERIODS	NEW CASES										DEATHS									
	PULMONARY					NON-PULMONARY					PULMONARY					NON-PULMONARY				
	Sevenoaks		Tonbridge		Tonbridge U.D.	Sevenoaks		Tonbridge		Tonbridge U.D.	Sevenoaks		Tonbridge		Tonbridge U.D.	Sevenoaks		Tonbridge		Tonbridge U.D.
	R.D.	M	F	M	F	R.D.	M	F	M	F	R.D.	M	F	M	F	R.D.	M	F	M	F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
25	-	3	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	3	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and up	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12	7	5	8	2	6	-	3	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	1
	19			10		6			6		2	3		-	1	2		2		1

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

YEAR	NEW CASES												DEATHS											
	SEVENOAKS						SEVENOAKS						SEVENOAKS						SEVENOAKS					
	PULMONARY						NON-PULMONARY						PULMONARY						NON-PULMONARY					
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1953	12	8	3	3	9	7	4	4	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—
1954	9	6	7	2	5	3	11	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1955	4	7	2	4	10	4	6	5	2	1	2	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1956	5	1	4	2	—	2	5	3	4	1	—	—	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957	12	7	7	5	8	2	6	—	3	3	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, show the number of children immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1957:—

District	Year of Birth	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	Total
Sevenoaks Rural	Primary inoculations	33	277	54	12	7	9	6	3	2	7	3	1	7	8	—	429
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	3	2	10	138	99	34	16	63	112	10	11	3	3	504
Sevenoaks Urban	Primary inoculations	20	115	31	5	1	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	178
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	1	3	70	35	10	17	28	8	—	2	1	—	175
Tonbridge Rural	Primary inoculations	13	151	28	9	10	4	10	2	2	6	1	—	1	—	—	237
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	6	84	59	11	8	70	29	22	28	12	—	329
Tonbridge Urban	Primary inoculations	9	204	59	6	8	9	15	4	—	12	—	—	2	—	—	328
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	5	83	68	7	6	112	13	4	21	1	—	320
Southborough Urban	Primary inoculations	8	55	8	2	1	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	79
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	1	—	16	5	4	2	11	1	—	—	—	—	40

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, show the number of children vaccinated against smallpox during the year ended 31st December, 1957:—

[illegible]

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, shows the number of children resident in the five Districts of the Area who received a course of two injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1957:—

District	Born	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	TOTAL
Sevenoaks Rural		—	—	—	49	62	67	71	164	162	203	221	999
Sevenoaks Urban		—	1	1	30	47	65	53	114	137	155	163	766
Tonbridge Rural		—	—	1	22	31	35	36	116	125	145	129	640
Tonbridge Urban		—	1	—	20	21	24	33	80	94	103	96	472
Southborough Urban		—	—	—	10	8	10	17	34	20	27	38	164

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Sevenoaks Rural District is supplied with mains water from five water undertakings. The supplies in general were satisfactory and sufficient during the year.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	76	2
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological (piped)	...		11	8
	Bacteriological (not piped)			8	10
	Chemical (piped)	...	...	10	10
	Chemical (not piped)	...		—	3

Approximately 95% of dwelling houses in Sevenoaks Rural District are supplied by public mains and are shown under the various parishes:—

Name of Parish.	Estimated proportion direct to houses	Estimated proportion by means of standpipes
Brasted	95.05 %	.23 %
Chevening	86.96 %	1.11 %
Chiddingstone	86.13 %	.66 %
Cowden	91.52 %	.42 %
Dunton Green	99.21 %	.23 %
Edenbridge	97.69 %	1.15 %
Halstead	96.41 %	1.49 %
Hever	88.21 %	1.01 %
Kemsing	98.13 %	.71 %
Leigh	97.92 %	—
Otford	98.79 %	.76 %
Penshurst	88.87 %	.61 %
Riverhead	98.48 %	—
Seal	96.44 %	.32 %
Sevenoaks Weald	95.34 %	2.99 %
Shoreham	85.31 %	7.14 %
Sundridge	87.48 %	7.56 %
Westerham	91.83 %	1.63 %

Three premises previously dependent upon spring and well water were connected to the main supply.

A new bore-hole was sunk to provide a supply to three farm cottages, no main water being available in the immediate vicinity. The previous supply to these cottages was obtained from a spring.

The two unsatisfactory main supply samples were the result of works being carried out to the main. The position was immediately rectified and subsequent samples were satisfactory.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company (within Company's Statutory Area)				
264 yards	4 inch dia. main	...	...	Lyndhurst Drive, Riverhead.
531 yards	3 inch dia. main	...	...	Telston Lane, Otford (Coopers Estate).
479 yards	3 inch dia. main	...	...	Sandilands Estate, Chipstead.
60 yards	3 inch dia. main	...	...	Green Lane Close, Leigh.
Mid Kent Water Company				
78 yards	3 inch dia. main	...	...	Kemsing.

The East Surrey Water Company completed the construction of a 250,000 gallon service reservoir at Mark Beech, Cowden, during the year, and this was brought into service during the summer.

The construction of a further reservoir in the Parish of Westerham has been commenced, together with the necessary mains in order to strengthen the water supply in the Chiddingstone area. It is anticipated that the work will be in commission by the summer of 1958.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Edenbridge Sewage Disposal Works.

As detailed in the 1956 Annual Report this sewage works is under reconstruction. Work continued throughout the year.

Leigh Sewage Disposal Works.

The old works which were originally constructed in 1911 are being substantially reconstructed. The new work involves the construction of detritus and screening chambers, settling tanks, an electrically operated pumping station, filters, humus tanks, and sludge drying beds and modifications to the existing settling tanks to be used as storm tanks. The total cost of this work is about £12,000 and the work should be completed in 1958.

During the year 25 bucket closets were abolished and the premises provided with waterborne sanitation.

Seventeen premises previously drained to cesspools were connected to the main sewer.

In areas where main drainage is not available 8 new Septic Tanks and 10 new cesspools were constructed.

The following sewers were laid for the development of Council Estates:—

Westerham, Delagarde Farm Site	...	145 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Sundridge, Allotments Site	... ..	75 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
		303 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Leigh, Collin Bungalows	... ..	92 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.

Sewers laid by Private Developers:—

Kemsing, Castle Drive Area	... ..	828 lin. yards of 9 inch dia.
		450 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
		490 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Kemsing, Wulfred Way	... ..	217 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
		90 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Otford, Knighton Road	... ..	227 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
		407 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Chevening, Sandilands	... ..	150 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
		200 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Chevening, Darent Close	... ..	200 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
	and	1 Ejector Station.
Westerham, Rysted Lane	... ..	70 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Riverhead, Lyndhurst Drive	... ..	230 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Riverhead, The Close	... ..	290 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
		100 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No new developments were made during the year. One new 12 cu. yd. Diesel Refuse Lorry was brought into operation, this being a normal vehicle replacement.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	... ..	587
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	... ..	7,687
Informal Notices: Served	... ..	302
Complied with	... ..	152
Statutory Notices: Served	... ..	4
Complied with:		
(a) By owners	... ..	1
(b) By local authority in default	... ..	—
Legal proceedings taken	... ..	2

Summary of inspections and visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	... ..	1,675
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	... ..	450
Swimming Pools	... ..	6
Hop-pickers' Camps	... ..	111
Factory Acts	... ..	138
Shop Acts	... ..	120
Petroleum Act	... ..	183

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	634
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	746
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	204
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,644

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of Camps in the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of Huts in the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
Tents, Caravans and Farm Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	420
Number of New Huts erected during 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of inspections of Hop-pickers' Camps during 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Main water supply is available at all camps.										

The general standard was well maintained at the camps and no cases of infectious disease occurred among the pickers.

Again there was a reduction in the number of pickers from outside the district and the consequent employment of more local labour. Mechanisation is increasing.

6. Disinfestation.

Infestations were dealt with as follows:—

Flies 9; Beetles 5; Fleas 5; Silver Fish 3; Ants 1; Cockroaches 1; Wasps 14; Bees 2; Crickets 1; Hornets 1; Mosquitoes 1; Wood-worm 1; Bugs 1; Moths 2.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	397
Number of visits by Rodent Operator	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,791
Infestations found and treated:—										
Rats—Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
Minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	153
Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142

Sewer treatment was carried out in June/July and October/November.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	30	30	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	140	108	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	170	138	2	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	2	—	—	2	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	2	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	3	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	13	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Return for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	2	20	7

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	Number		
(5) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	14	14	5
(6) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	..	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	72	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	1	...
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	...	...
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	...	...
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	...	...
(c) Under Section 46	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	...	...

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	44
Total approved costs	£36,285
Total approved grants	£17,000

POST-WAR HOUSING (Position at 31st December, 1957) :—					Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	...	...	...	...	1,100	33
Temporary	...	...	...	...	127	—
Housing Association	...	...	...	...	15	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	...	1,133	179

CAMPS (Temporary Housing).							
Number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1957:—							
Foxbury, Stone Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other Huts	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

CARAVANS.							
(a) Number of sites licensed for use by movable dwellings							21
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	...						151
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	...	...	49

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.							
Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Number of registered dairies (Retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of licences granted:—							
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	20

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“ Tuberculin Tested ”	24	3
“ Pasteurised ”	5	—
“ Sterilised ”	1	—
T.T. Pasteurised	4	—

Nineteen samples of Tuberculin Tested milk were collected for biological examination; none showed evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice-Cream.							
Number of premises registered:							
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	125

Results of samples taken:

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

The samples obtained from the only premises in the District where ice-cream is actually manufactured were of a satisfactory standard.

3. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957.

Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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4. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
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100% inspection of animals slaughtered was carried out during the year.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	344	30	249	1861	1605	...
Number inspected	344	30	249	1861	1605	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	...	1	1	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	77	14	...	33	87	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	22.67 %	46.66 %	.40 %	1.82 %	5.42 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	1	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	1	...	...	18	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	2.03%	3.33 %	...	...	1.18 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

5. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	69	204	12	3
Bakehouses	10	59	7	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	42	95	17	10
Food stalls and vehicles	17	67	2	—
Food Factories	2	10	—	1
Other food shops:				
Fishmongers	10	24	5	1
Fried Fish Shops	2	5	—	—
Greengrocers	25	31	9	2
Grocers	79	99	13	4
Butchers	30	146	13	3
Bakers	13	48	—	—
Chemists	9	3	1	—
Public Houses	96	212	51	21
General Stores and Sweets	52	83	30	10

During the year under review the survey of cafés, restaurants and canteens under the Food Hygiene Regulations has proceeded. It was necessary to serve 12 notices in order that the premises should comply with the obligatory standard.

Although there are 10 bakehouses, a considerable amount of bread retailed in the district is manufactured outside the area.

Extensive works have been carried out to one bakehouse.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Foods (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act) are as follows:—

Manufacture of sausages 32; Brawn 1; Cooking of hams 8; Preserves and jams 1.

Inspections of other food stores for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations are proceeding.

Regular inspections are carried out of food stalls and vehicles. Particular attention is paid to mobile shops during the hop-picking and holiday periods.

There is only one food factory operating in the area. The conditions are satisfactory and the premises well maintained.

Lectures have been given on two occasions. While no extensive campaign has been operated during the year during routine visits to food premises food handlers have been instructed in the importance of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Proceedings were instituted in one instance when a loaf of bread was found to contain a cigarette end. A penalty of £20 with 5 guineas costs was imposed.

6. Unsound Food.

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	1	13	1	26	4
Other food (including tinned food)	—	3	1	23	9
	1	16	3	21	13

Condemned meat is sprayed with dye prior to removal for conversion to fertiliser, etc.

7. Food Poisoning.

Only one case was notified, due to *Salmonella typhi murium*

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Sevenoaks Urban District is supplied with mains water from the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company which was satisfactory during the year. Samples taken by the Public Health Inspectors were reported upon as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	8	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	1	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

All the houses in the District are supplied by mains water.

The following new mains were laid during the year:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company (within Company's Statutory Area)			
231 yards 6 inch dia. main	...	Brattle Wood, White Hart Estate,	Sevenoaks.
150 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	White Hart Wood, White Hart Estate,	Sevenoaks.
31 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	Robyns Way,	Sevenoaks.
536 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	Quakers Hall Lane,	Sevenoaks.
73 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	Quakers Hall Lane,	Sevenoaks.
267 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	Hop Garden Lane,	Sevenoaks.
126 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	Robyns Way,	Sevenoaks.
99 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	Hillingdon Rise to Wickenden Road,	Sevenoaks.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No major drainage and sewerage works were constructed during the year.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

During the year the collection and disposal of refuse was satisfactory.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	205
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	5,021
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	115
Complied with (including Notices served during latter part of 1956)	...	...	121
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	Nil
Complied with:			
(a) By Owners	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	1
(Notice served end of 1956)			
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	356
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	359
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	224
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	241
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	339
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	472
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	481
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	520
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	901
Disease of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	382

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District (on same farm)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Number of new huts erected during 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

The huts on these camps are constructed of galvanised iron on concrete bases. Main water is laid on for all purposes. Cookhouse accommodation and receptacles for refuse are provided, also Elsan closets. Camp supervision is good. More home pickers are being employed on this farm, and food is mostly purchased from local shops. One mobile fried fish van visits the farm during the season and this was kept under observation.

6. Disinfestation.

The Council's Refuse Tip in Otford Road has been kept under frequent observation; no complaints were received.

Two houses were treated for bug infestation, one for fleas, and nine for ants, flies, etc.

One request was made for steam disinfection of clothing to eradicate lice.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

The Rodent Operator carried out 315 treatments during the year. There were no major infestations.

The soil sewers in the Area were dealt with in accordance with the formula laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. A total of 155 sewer manholes were treated during the year, and half yearly reports upon this work were forwarded to the Ministry.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	32	68	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	78	236	10	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	1	2	1	—
Total	111	306	12	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	6	6	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	3	3	—	—	—
Total	12	12	—	1	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Number of Outworkers Nil

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1957.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	4	4	3

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.

	Number		
(5) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	2	9	2
(6) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	1	2	1

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	17	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	...	...
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	...	1
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	...	...
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	...	...
(c) Under Section 46	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	...	...

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949) :—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	9
Total approved costs	£1,648
Total approved grants	£821 10s.

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1957).

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council	563	99
Private	570	39

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of sites licensed for use by movable dwellings	Nil
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	1
Number of licences granted	1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**1. Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	8
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Number of registered dairies (3 retail and 1 wholesale) ...	4
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The dairies have been maintained in a very satisfactory manner, and no structural improvements were necessary during the year.

Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	4
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(b) Supplementary	3
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(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	6
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(b) Supplementary	6
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Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	12	3
"Pasteurised"	23	—
"Sterilised"	5	—

Two samples of Tuberculin Tested Raw milk were submitted for biological examination for tuberculosis, both negative.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	Nil
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(b) For the sale of ice-cream	42
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3. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957.

Number of licensed premises	1
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Only one small Pig Farm qualified to be licensed in this Area, and the necessary work required to be done was carried out by the Owner at the request of the Public Health Department.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

4. Slaughterhouses 2

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	530	35	141	1125	1454	...
Number inspected	530	35	141	1125	1454	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	1	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	89	15	...	6	52	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	16.79 %	42.85 %	.7 %	.53 %	3.57 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	14	...	...	26	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	2.05 %	40 %	...	...	1.78 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	2	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

5. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	94	522	18	18
Bakehouses	7	82	9	9
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	23	119	—	—
Food Stalls and Vehicles	8	149	—	—
Food Factories	—	—	—	—
Other Food Shops:				
Bakers	12	54	1	1
Butchers	10	58	—	—
Confectioners	25	68	—	—
Fishmongers	6	76	1	1
Grocers	33	165	—	—
Greengrocers	16	39	—	—
Animal Food	1	21	—	—

A reasonable standard of hygiene has been maintained in cafés, canteens and restaurants during the year, and educational work with the employees carried out during visits to the premises. Many proprietors prefer this approach rather than the official line of action.

There are two less bakehouses in the district than in previous years. The reason for this being that the businesses have been sold to a firm in Orpington, where all the bread is baked and delivered by van into the district.

Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act) have been kept under close observation during the year and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness maintained.

Other food shops have been kept under close observation during the year and a reasonable standard of cleanliness maintained. These include all shops where food is sold. A number of approaches have been made during the year to owners of premises in connection with the protection of food displayed for sale on counters. A number of shop-keepers have now co-operated in this matter and provided shields on the counters. This has been particularly successful in the larger shops. Much work has been done under the Food Hygiene Regulations by informal approach.

There are four firms operating mobile vehicles in the area for the sale of greengrocery, groceries and provisions, and refreshments.

There are normally two stalls in the Market Square, High Street, on Saturdays, where fruit and vegetables are sold by retail by local inhabitants.

The market at Tubs Hill Station has increased very considerably during the year. These premises are regularly visited as auction sales take place on two days per week. The Owners of the Market are now licensed to sell Game and, in addition to fruit, vegetables, dressed poultry and rabbits, game is now sold by auction.

There are no food factories in the district.

No organised lectures or film shows were arranged during the year but much educational work has been carried out during visits to food preparing places and food shops. At the request of "The Family Club," attached to Sevenoaks Congregational Church, a talk was given, entitled "Your Food," to some sixty mothers. This was most interesting and many questions were answered.

6. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	—	16	2	6	—
Edible Offal	—	15	3	4	—
Other food (including tinned food)	—	6	—	22	7
	1	18	2	4	7

All condemned meat and offal at the Slaughterhouses is coloured with a naphthalene dye and disposed of under arrangements made by the Public Health Department with the Owners of the Slaughterhouses.

All other foods are disposed of by the Public Health Department by burying or for pig feeding.

7. Food Poisoning.

One outbreak of food poisoning consisting of three cases in one family occurred due to Salmonella organisms.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Tonbridge Rural District is supplied with mains water by four statutory water undertakings. These supplies were satisfactory. In addition a piped water supply from a private undertaking serves 132 houses in the Tudeley and Five Oak Green area.

Samples taken by the Public Health Inspectors were reported upon as follows:—

					Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	...	13	—
	Chemical	...	...	...	2	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	...	2	1
	Chemical	...	...	...	1	1

99% of the houses in the District are supplied by public mains and are shown under the various parishes:—

Parish.					Proportion direct to houses.			Proportion by means of standpipes.
Bidborough	...	...	...	...	100 %	...	...	—
Brenchley	...	...	...	...	99 %	...	...	4 houses
Paddock Wood	...	...	...	...	100 %	...	...	—
Capel	...	...	...	...	97.2 %	...	...	8 houses
Lamberhurst	...	...	...	...	96 %	...	...	—
Horsmonden	...	...	...	...	100 %	...	...	—
Pembury	...	...	...	...	99 %	...	...	—
Hadlow	...	...	...	...	97 %	...	...	—
Speldhurst	...	...	...	...	98.74 %	...	...	—
Hildenborough	...	...	...	...	100 %	...	...	—

Four more cottages in the remote part of Lamberhurst Parish were connected to a main supply during the year. There are a few parts of the District still without a mains supply, viz., at Mount Pleasant, Hadlow, and some isolated cottages in Lamberhurst, Speldhurst, Pembury and Capel Parishes, but it is not possible to lay on a supply to these properties at economic cost.

Samples of water from a well supplying a farmhouse and two cottages at Tudeley showed serious contamination. A suitable filter and sterilizing unit was installed below the storage tank to improve the quality of the water.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company (within Company's Statutory Area):	
1,665 yards 4 inch dia. main ...	Little Hilden Farm Estate, Hildenborough
215 yards 4 inch dia. main ...	Knowsley Way, Hildenborough.
146 yards 4 inch dia. main ...	Brookmead, Hildenborough.
339 yards 3 inch dia. Main ...	Little Hilden Farm Estate, Hildenborough.

Mid-Kent Water Company:

- 83 yards 3 inch dia. main ... Brenchley.
- 1,293 yards 3 inch dia. main ... Horsmonden.
(1,160 yards is in replacement of 1½ inch main between Pullens Hill, Horsmonden, and Marle Place, Brenchley).
- 676 yards 6 inch dia. main ... Hadlow.
- 25 yards 3 inch dia. main ... Hadlow.
- 162 yards 3 inch dia. main ... Pembury.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells:

New extensions of water main were made at Ashurst Place Site, Langton Green, and to new dwellings on site at Etherton Hall, Speldhurst. A new 6 inch feed main from Langton to Speldhurst was completed and mains in all roads in Speldhurst Village have been scraped and relined during the year, resulting in a much improved supply. The Langton Water Tower was completed during the year and put into use giving a balanced supply to this area.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No new works of sewerage or sewage disposal were carried out during the year.

A number of small private sewerage disposal plants were overhauled and improved during the year.

Ten houses with earth closets were converted to w.c's. with new drainage and disposal arrangements installed.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

There were no important changes made in the collection or disposal of refuse during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	226
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,393
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	226
Complied with	...	...	191
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	2
Complied with:			
(a) By Owners	...	...	1
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	—

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	1,271
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	119
Swimming Pools	...	...	28
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	135
Knackers' Yards	...	...	5
Factory Acts	...	...	73
Shop Acts	...	...	162

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

All the camps are supplied with mains water. Camp supervision and scavenging was very good. Cookhouse accommodation was adequate, and closet accommodation generally satisfactory.

6. Disinfestation.

Ants 1; Flies 7; Cockroaches 1; Beetles 4; Fleas 3; Wasps 3.

Number of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	158
Number of properties inspected for presence of rodents (including local authority, agricultural, private dwelling and business premises)	...	...	...	...	...	...	770
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
Number of properties found to be infested with mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Total number of properties treated	...	...	...	...	...	...	159
Total number of visits in connection with treatments	...	...	...	...	...	...	792

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	18	12	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	50	12	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	11	11	—	—
Total	97	73	12	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	3	2	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	5	5	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	12	11	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) / (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	4	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	13	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

Return for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	16	26	10

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.

	Number		
(5) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	13	18	10
(6) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	111	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	...	...
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	...	...
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	...	...
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	...	...
(c) Under Section 46	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column
	(1)	(1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	...	...

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	16
Total approved costs	£19,150
Total approved grants	£7,056

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1957).

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	892	8
Temporary	100	—
Hatton Housing Trust	78	—
Private	867	130

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of sites licensed for use by movable dwellings	7
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites ...	12
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	10
Number of licences granted	10

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	17
Number of registered dairies (retail)	12
No structural improvements were necessary during the year, but five dairy premises were re-decorated.	

Number of licences granted:—

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	12
(b) Supplementary	7

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	30
(b) Supplementary	9

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	26	7
"Pasteurised"	44	—
T.T. "Pasteurised"	4	—
"Sterilised"	—	—

Seventeen samples were collected for biological examination:—

"Tuberculin Tested" ... 17 No evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	75

Results of samples taken:

Grade I	44
Grade II	8
Grade III and IV	—

3. The Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957.

This Order came into operation on the 1st June, 1957, and prohibited feeding of unboiled waste foods to certain animals and poultry. It also provides that all waste foods for feeding to animals collected from premises must be boiled by the collector for one hour before being moved to other premises. The Order provides for the licensing of plants and equipment if adequate and satisfactory for use for boiling waste foods.

Fifteen applications were received from persons operating boiling plants and thirteen licences have been granted. Two were refused because the plant and equipment were not satisfactory.

4. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 7

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	712	242	239	1,488	5,671	...
Number inspected	712	242	239	1,488	5,67	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	5	10	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	15	1	4	102	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	5.2 %	6.2 %	0.4 %	0.6 %	1.9 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	...	...	1	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	29	...	...	24	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	2.1 %	12.4 %	...	...	0.44 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

5. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens.	48	87	15	13
Bakehouses	7	30	8	8
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	20	82	9	6
Food Stalls and Vehicles	4	5	1	1
Food Factories	2	29	1	1
Other Food Shops:				
Grocers and Provision Merchants...	70	82	16	14
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops	4	6	1	1
Confectioners and Fruiterers ...	11	12	2	2

The majority of cafés, restaurants and canteens have now been raised to the structural standards required by the Food Hygiene Regulations and are equipped with modern water heating appliances and washing facilities. One café at Pembury was being improved at the end of the year and is expected to be completed early in 1958.

Action was taken to secure major structural improvements and better facilities at two bakehouses during the year and works were commenced before the year's end. Occupiers of other bakehouses were required to remedy minor defects and to redecorate their premises.

The majority of the premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act) have now been re-registered under the Act having complied with all the conditions of registration. The remaining three premises are expected to comply early in 1958.

Steady progress has been maintained in securing compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations, in other food stores, particularly with regard to the provision of water heating equipment and hand washing arrangements. Structural improvements were secured at a few grocers' premises.

Very few food stalls and vehicles operated during the year.

The two food factories were found to be quite satisfactory when inspections were made.

The usual advice was given to food handlers on the best methods of good and hygienic practice during visits to premises.

6. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	3	10	2	23	—
Other food (including tinned food)	54	8	2	13	7
	57	19	1	8	7

All unsound food other than butchers' meat is collected and disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse dump. Offals and parts of carcasses condemned at slaughterhouses are burnt or buried locally. Whole carcasses condemned are treated with Napthalene Green Dye and consigned to Knackers' Yards to be sterilised for subsequent use as fertilisers or for animal food.

7. Food Poisoning.

Five notifications were received, four cases occurred in one family, the cause of which was not determined. One other single case was due to Salmonella organisms.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply.

Tonbridge Urban District is supplied with mains water by the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company and the Mid-Kent Water Company. Supplies have been sufficient during the year and the quality, as shown by bacteriological examination, has been good.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	17	1
	Chemical	...	...	—	1
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	2	1
	Chemical	...	...	2	1

Approximately 99.5% of dwelling houses in Tonbridge Urban District are supplied by public water mains.

A sample of well water serving 4 cottages was found to be bacteriologically unsatisfactory and the occupants were recommended to boil all water before use. Later a mains supply was made available.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company
(Within Company's Statutory Area).

1,898 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	Higham Wood Estate.
715 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	Nursery Site, Higham Lane.
367 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	Higham Wood Estate.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The development in the north east areas of the town in extending sewers to serve the remaining part of Higham Wood Estate has continued during the year.

Throughout the year no new works of sewage disposal were undertaken.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government held a Public Inquiry in September following the Council's appeal against the refusal of the Kent County Council to grant planning permission for the proposed new sewage works at Rats Castle and subsequently upheld the County Council's decision. A scheme was prepared for improving the effluent from the existing works involving improved screens and the provision of a grass irrigation area and new sludge lagoons. Work commenced at the beginning of January, 1958.

Following the extensive investigations into the soil and surface water sewerage systems in the south eastern area of the town, an outline scheme for alleviating flooding in the Priory Road, Alexander Road area has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

Planning consent was obtained to develop Priory Wood as a controlled tip but unexpected difficulties arose in securing access to the site. Refuse Disposal has continued on flood land in the meantime.

Ninety-six dustbins were provided by the Council under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 (3) and 53 dustbins previously provided were replaced during the year. The charge for dustbins under this Section was increased as from 1st April, 1957, from 4s. 4d. to 7s. 6d. per annum.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	204
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	2,466
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	134
Complied with	...	...	131
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	—
Complied with:			
(a) By Owners	...	...	—
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	927
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	153
Swimming Pools	...	...	22
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	4
Offensive Trades	...	...	2
Factory Acts	...	...	67
Shop Acts	...	...	37
Petroleum Act	...	...	174
Dairies	...	...	16
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	22
Bakehouses	...	...	10
Food Shops	...	...	191
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	8
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	39
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	8
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	76
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	167
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	—
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	108
Miscellaneous	...	...	435

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in the District	2
Number of huts in the District	40
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	120
Number of new huts erected during 1957	—
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1957 ...	4
Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory.	

6. Disinfestation.

The following infestations were dealt with:—

Bugs 7; Fleas 4; Flies 1; Ants 1; Others 4.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

	Rats	Mice
Number of Local Authority premises treated	16	7
Number of Dwelling Houses treated	110	84
Number of Agricultural premises treated	2	—
Number of other premises treated	19	24
	<u>147</u>	<u>115</u>

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	16	5	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	49	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	8	13	—	—
Total	125	67	3	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	4	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making, etc.)	4	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	31	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	35	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

Return for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	24	11	3
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	4	16	6
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	Number		
(5) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(6) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	2	2	1

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	61	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	...	...
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	...	...
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	...	...
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	...	...
(c) Under Section 46	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	...	...

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	...	...	...	...	11
Total approved costs	...	...	...	...	£5,572 14s. 0d.
Total approved grants	...	...	...	...	£2,671

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1957).

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council	1,159	36
Private	419	37

CAMPS (Temporary Housing).

Number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1957:—

Somerhill Camp	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
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CARAVANS.

(a) Number of sites licensed for use by movable dwellings	1
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	45
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	7
Number of licences granted	7

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD**1. Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors ...	...	...	...	...	26
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Number of registered dairies (retail) ...	...	...	...	...	4
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Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers ...	...	...	...	...	...	6
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(b) Supplementary ...	...	...	...	...	...	—
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(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers ...	...	...	...	...	...	24
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(b) Supplementary ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Milk Sampling.

				No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested "	...	...	...	1	—
"Pasteurised "	...	...	...	11	—
"Sterilised "	...	...	...	4	—

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream ...	...	...	...	...	1
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(b) For the sale of ice-cream ...	...	...	...	...	67
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Results of samples taken:

Grade I ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
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Grade II ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
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Grade III ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Grade IV ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
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Iced lollies—2 samples, both Grade I.

3. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957.

Number of licensed premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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4. Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in the District.

5. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens,	26	39	14	8
Bakehouses	5	10	2	...
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	33	8	...	...
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	8	2	1
Food Factories	...	...	...	...
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	4	14	4	...
Bakers and Confectioners	42	16	1	1
Butchers	14	27	4	1
Fishmongers	6	26	1	2
Grocers	57	78	7	3
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	19	30	3	1

Generally work has been completed, or is in hand to bring cafés, restaurants and canteens up to the standard required by the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Work to bring bakehouses up to standard was well advanced at the end of the year. The limitation on night baking as from 1st January, 1958, will, however, add in some measure to the difficulties in certain instances because of lack of space.

A number of grocers and stores have carried out improvements during the year.

6. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	—	1	—	1	8
Other food (including tinned food)	—	8	3	9	—
	—	9	3	10	8

Plus 20 dozen eggs.
Disposal of condemned food is by burial.

7. Food Poisoning.

There were no cases notified during 1957.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells Water Undertaking supplies the Southborough Urban District. Supplies have been sufficient during the year and the quality of the water, after treatment, was satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	45	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	5
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

Samples from a small private untreated spring water supply to several properties in Powder Mill Lane showed continual improvement.

Four samples taken from a shallow well supply at a farm were unsatisfactory. The owners of the property have since carried out certain works. Further sampling is being undertaken.

All the dwellings in the District with the exception of six houses are supplied with mains water.

Extension of the water main was made to new site off Dower House Crescent, Southborough.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No improvements have been made to existing works. A pumping station has been built at Powder Mill Lane to pump the sewage from the 109 houses on the Council's new housing estate to the sewer in Yew Tree Road.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No changes or new developments were made in the collection and disposal of refuse during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		...	...	141
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		...	...	2,689
Informal Notices:	Served	...	...	16
	Complied with	...	...	20
Statutory Notices:	Served	...	...	Nil
	Complied with	...	...	Nil
Legal Proceedings		...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	955
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	186
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	259
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	351
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	231

5. Disinfestation.

The fly infestations during the Autumn were caused by species *THAUMATOMVIA POTATA*, which were particularly troublesome. They are approximately the size of the fruit flies and gain access through cracks between sashes, etc., and are seen in great numbers crawling on ceilings. Sashes were painted with insecticide and those gaining access were sprayed.

Twenty-two premises were visited in connection with infestations as follows:—

Cockroaches 2; Fleas 2; Ants 6; Woodworm 6; Flies 3;
Earwigs 3.

Gammexane was used successfully against cockroaches and ants. One cockroach infestation was dealt with by a pest extermination firm. The woodworm infestations were treated by twice spraying in late spring with proprietary woodworm spray containing D.D.T. The fleas were cleared by residual spraying. The earwig infestation was unsuccessfully treated with residual spray, but treatment by sulphur block fumigation was successful.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Rats: Number of Local Authority premises treated	...	...	4
Number of dwellinghouse premises treated	...	...	73
Number of agricultural premises treated	...	...	2
Number of business premises treated	...	...	2
Mice: Number of Local Authority premises treated	...	...	1
Number of dwellinghouse premises treated	...	...	27
Number of agricultural premises treated	...	...	—
Number of business premises treated	...	...	6

The Council's sewers were twice treated for rat infestation during the year. On the second treatment with Warfarin no takes whatsoever were recorded.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	38	43	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	39	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	16	41	—	—
Total	89	123	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	3	3	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	8	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	1	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Return for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	2	2	1

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	Number		
(5) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	2	6	2
(6) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	83	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	10	...
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	...	...
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	...	...
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	...	...
(c) Under Section 46	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	5	15

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949) :—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	6
Total approved costs	£2,874 14s. 10d.
Total approved grants	£1,435

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1957).

				Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	...	...	...	423	47
Temporary	...	...	...	30	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	189	9

CARAVANS. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269).

Number of sites licensed for use by movable dwellings	...	Nil
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of licences granted:—						
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	7
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	4

Milk Sampling.

				No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“Tuberculin Tested”	...	...		5	—
“Pasteurised”	...	...	...	1	—
“Sterilised”	...	...	...	—	—
Two samples were submitted for biological examination:					
“Tuberculin Tested” 2—No evidence of tuberculosis.					

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:						
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	28
Results of samples taken:						
Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	12
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	6

3. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957.

Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	7
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4. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 1

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	19	13	6	19	3021	...
Number inspected	19	13	6	19	3021	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	1	7	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	167	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	...	...	...	5.3 %	5.75 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	2	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	63	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	...	...	...	...	2.15 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

5. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	7	71	4	3
Bakehouses	4	22	1	1
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	10	85	3	2
Food Stalls and Vehicles	1	10	—	—
Food Factories	1	18	2	1
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	3	15	4	4
Greengrocers	16	38	4	4
Grocers	26	68	8	7
Fishmongers	4	9	2	2
Butchers	9	85	—	—
Bakers' Shops	6	24	3	3
Milk Shops	2	14	1	—
Chemists	3	3	—	—
Public-houses and Off-Licences ...	14	51	8	6
General Stores and Sweets	13	42	4	4

Considerable time was spent with owners and occupiers advising on the new food regulations.

Inspection of premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act) have been systematically carried out and several improvements have been made.

In other food stores one fried fish shop was internally re-designed and greatly improved and one branch shop of a firm of multiple grocers was completely modernised and re-designed.

There is one food stall in the District which is satisfactory.

The occupiers of the food factory in the District are carrying out extensive works of improvement.

6. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	2	—	3	21	8
Other food (including tinned food)	—	1	3	4	8
	2	2	2	26	—

Condemned food is disposed of by burial at the Council's tip.

7. Food Poisoning.

There were no cases notified during 1957.